के परवाणु खनिज प्रभाग ने परवाणु खनिजों के लिए नियमित सर्वेक्षण कार्यक्रम के एक भाग के रूप में, मध्य प्रदेश में बालाघाट जिले के अनेक क्षेत्रों में यूरेनियम के लिए पूर्वेक्षण किया है । अभी तक उस क्षेत्र में आर्थिक दृष्टि से महत्वपूर्ण विकिरणसक्रिया खनिजों के किसी भी निक्षेप के होने का पता नहीं लगा है ।

(ख) और (ग) यदि इस क्षेत्र में आर्थिक दृष्टि से व्यवहार्य कोई निक्षेप पाया गया तो, यूरेनियम अयस्क का खनन करने और उसका पेषण करने के वास्ते एक परियोजना स्थापित करने के प्रस्ताव पर विचार किया जाएगा ।

Implementation of Nuclear Power Project affected by Paucity of Funds

2489. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 263 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th December 1994 and State :

(a) how far the paucity of funds has affected the implementation of the different nuclear power projects and resulted in slowing down of the nuclear programme; and

(b) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to provide adequate and timely funds for these plants so that these plants are completed in time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Of the nuclear power projects originally included in the Eighth Five Year Plan, commencement of work on Tarapur 3 & 4 (2×500 MWe) Rajasthan 5 & 6 (2 × 500 MWe) and Kaiga, 3 to 6 (4×220 MWe) has been affected due to constraints of funds, though advance action for procurement of equipment with long delivery period has been taken.

(b) Efforts are on for making available additional resources from the Government within the overall resource availability, achieving better performance of the existing Power Stations and vigorous action for realising of outstandings from the State Electricity Boards and also exploring the possibilities of setting up of some of the Planned Schemes as Joint Sector Projects with the concerned State Governments.

Mishaps in Nuclear Installations

2490. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been several mishaps in our Nuclear Reactors and power plants etc. and if so, the details thereof for the nuclear installations since inception; including any other ancillary sterilization and irradiation plants ;

(b) whether in view of the new open pragmatic policies of the Government if such mishaps are made public speedily in order to get feed-back for improvements from the public and also make them alert from any dangers and promote accountability of the staff who prefer to hide such information ;and

(c) weether in view of the problems created by disposal of the spent fuel and other material and exorbitant costs and dangers incolved, Government would review its policies on nuclear power etc.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) The events in nuclear power plants have been classified by the International Nuclear Event Scale System of the International Atomic Energy Agency in a scale ranging from 0 to 7 in increasing order of severity. Events rated upto and including Level-3 are classified as incidents and the incidents rated above scale-3 are termed accidents.

No nuclear accidents have so far taken place in any nuclear power plant in India. There have been no mishaps in the ancilliary sterilisation and radiation plants involving occupational workers/public.

(b) On nuclear safety the Government has been pursuing a transparent policy. Government has responded promptly and taken appropriate measures whenever any incident has occurred in any nuclear installation. In case of incidents in nuclear installations, the information which merits public attention has always been made available and there is no attempt to withhold information from the public.

(c) The Indian nuclear energy programme does not visualise the disposal of spent nuclear fuel as a waste. But it is being reprocessed to recover the fissile materials for reuse as fuel. Hence, the question of reviewing the policy with respect to nuclear power does not arise.